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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I am an educator in Pennsylvania. Recently it has come to my attention that there are several concerns regarding the Chapter 14 draft regulations.

- In order to do thorough and useful evaluations, educators need 60 school days to complete them.
- The Local Education Agency representative who can commit resources of the school district should be present at IEP meetings.
- Current instructional paraprofessionals have the training and expertise to be considered qualified.
- The caseload chart would be more effective if Level II were adjusted to 20 students and speech language support adjusted to 50 students. The severity of students attending public schools is increasing as more and more students are included with their peers and not segregated in private schools.

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- Schools should assign a special education teacher to support regular education teachers whenever their class has 50% students or more special education students included in regular education classes.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reading my letter.

Sincerely,

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